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Chief, Paramilitary Operations Staff 12 January 1954

Director of Training

Quota Allocations for Weapons Orientation Courses, first half 1954

1. Your memorandum of December 28, 1953 reached me after the publication of my allocation of the spaces allotted by the Air Force for the use of CIA at these two courses. My memorandum addressed to the Training Liaison Officers concerned explains the plan adopted to distribute throughout the calendar year the number of spaces requested as a means of satisfying all the offices making requests. At the time this allocation was made, I had been informed by your TLO that your office did not require any spaces this year, and specifically that two spaces verbally requested by phone for EE Branch would be withdrawn.

2. In view of your present request I will endeavor to obtain from the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project two extra quota allotments for the Special Weapons Course at Sandia Base at whatever time during the year they can be made available to us. Our original request for twenty slots for the calendar year was whittled down by the AFSWP to six slots each half year. Dates have been furnished us for the first half year only. It has been our experience in the past that extra spaces can be obtained from time to time when vacancies occur in the class rosters prepared by AFSWP, which controls the quotas for these courses.

3. I believe, therefore, that two extra spaces can be obtained for the Sandia Base course. For the Maxwell Field course we can make arrangements to send the two candidates recommended by you on two of the three dates not already assigned, and I will have [redacted] of the External and Language Training Division work this out with your Training Liaison Officers. 25X1A9a

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